

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
JANUARY 3, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were Mayor Joe Eaton and the following members of the Board: Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Jeff Williams, Alderman Wilda Pounds, and Alderman David Bolen. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman David Bolen.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jeff Williams.

There First came before the Board, the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 Board meeting;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts.

Alderman Pounds made the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the sewer project request by Sandy Fisher, who was developing a sub-division on his property. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion for David Moore to shoot the elevations and to give a cost estimate as to the options of running this sewer line from Kevin Eubank's property to the property line of Sandy Fisher. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Billy Lauderdale came before the Board and requested that Lauderdale Lane be adopted as a City street. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded Alderman Harold Eaton, and on said motion the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Nay,"

Alderman Harold Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Nay,"

Alderman Pounds "Nay,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of three (3) against and two (2) for, the motion failed.

Next, Alderman McCoy made a motion for the City to get with the County and see if the County would provide the gravel for these streets if the City would adopt these streets for maintenance purposes only. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Bolen, and all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Trudy Featherston with the Main Street Association requesting that the City advance the expenses of \$720.00 for her to attend the Mississippi Main Street Meeting in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on January 24 and January 25, 2012. This costs would cover registration, lodging, meals, and travel for her to attend the meeting. Alderman Pounds made a motion to advance said costs, with the costs being deducted from the next payment made to the Main Street

Association. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to replace the roof top unit at the George E. Allen Library. Three (3) bids were received, with Prichard Refrigeration being the low bid, at \$5,184.65. Alderman Williams made said motion to purchase the roof top unit from Prichard Refrigeration Service, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Ronnie Johnson with Public Property requested approval to pay the registration fee for him to attend the Commercial Electric Course in Tupelo, on January 12 and January 13, 2012, at the costs of \$100.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Ronnie Johnson requested approval to post for the City Maintenance Technician position, with the deadline being January 16, 2012. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace came before the Board and requested the repair or replacement of the rescue tool power unit. Alderman Bolen made a motion to table said matter, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to donate the remaining manifold to the Cairo Fire Department. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey came before the Board and requested approval for alert to conduct the annual radar calibration at the approximate costs of \$40.00 per unit, for ten (10) units. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve Training Sergeant Corrie Robbins to attend MDCC LEETA in Moorehead, Mississippi, from January 9, 2012 through January 11, 2012, at the approximate costs of \$191.78. The costs would include lodging, meals, and gas. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Police Chief Ramey next gave an update on the Driving Training Course and said the course would be rescheduled at a later date.

There next came on for consideration, the request for approval for customers to apply for more than one adjustment per year, on sewer only, on a case by case basis. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to pay Big V for meter reading information at \$1.50 per meter. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for information purposes, David Moore discussing the American Disability Act Report. Each Alderman had received a copy and he requested that they study the same, and if they had any questions, to get back with him on those.

There next came on for discussion, David Moore discussing repair at the Waste Water Treatment

Plant of the clarifier, bonds for the sewer rehab, and the AMR Gas Resolution. The Board requested that a work session be held to discuss these matters further.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the renewal of the Northeast Sports Ad, with Matt Warner, at the approximate costs of \$200.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for the City to purchase an ad in the Prentiss County Tournament Program, at the approximate costs of \$75.00, with the ad to promote the City of Booneville. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the Board Report.

Alderman Bolen made comments on communications between the Mayor and the Board. Specifically, he stated that everyone could do a better job at communicating, and that everyone needed to put the City of Booneville and Citizens in the most positive light, and not say negative things about the other Board members or Mayor in public. That this would deter any future employers from Booneville if they saw this type headlines and activity.

Next, Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to post for the Captain position in CID. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams. With said motion and second, the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Nay,"

Alderman Harold Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Pounds "Nay,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of three (3) for and two (2) against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, Alderman Williams requesting the approval of Janet Boren, as Interim Manager at the Gas and Water Department with money to be discussed at a later date. This would be temporary until the Board decides to hire a full-time person. Alderman Harold Eaton seconded said motion. With said motion and second, the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Nay,"

Alderman Harold Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Nay,"

Alderman Pounds "Nay,"

Alderman Williams, "Aye."

With a vote of three (3) for and two (2) against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Attorney Daniel K. Tucker to go into closed session to determine if executive session is needed. Alderman Pounds made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Pounds made said motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to come out of executive session and to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye,"

the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that the Eaton Paper Board Building had certain outstanding personal property taxes owed to the City. Attorney Tucker advised the Board that the costs of attachment, collection and sale, would far exceed the costs of the personal property received at the Eaton Paperboard Buildings and that the City would lose money. Therefore, he advised the Mayor and the Board, that these personal property taxes were not collectable. That the Board could not forgive these taxes, but they were simply not collectable.

There being no further business, Alderman Bolen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

  
LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK

  
JOE EATON, MAYOR